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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION - JOINT

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and
citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe that we are the original, first, and joint
inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which
a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Biodegradable compositions
comprising starch and polysaccharide esters", the specification of
which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we reviewed and understand the
contents of the above-identified specification, including the
claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that
is material to the examination of this application in
accordance with 37 Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35
United States Code §§ 119 and 365 of any foreign
application(s) for the patent or inventor's certificate listed
below and have also identified below any foreign application
for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date
before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications: ITALY.- No. T098A000735.....
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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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